Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government is aware of the Central Government's proposals which are based upon the report which is mentioned in this question, I mean upon the report of the Seargent Committee.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The Central Education Board is submitting to the Reconstruction Committee of the Viceroy's Executive Council a scheme based essentially on the Seargent Committee's report. This scheme is spread over a period of 40 years and when it is fully implemented, it is going to cost the Government of India round-about 277 crores of rupees. It embraces practically all the spheres of education of the States as well as the Provinces starting with the Montessoric School and going up to adult education and Industrial education. We have not been able to get a copy of it yet.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what are the reactions of the Central Board scheme upon our Government.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I said copies have not been received.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am afraid, Sir, I have not been understood. Mainly based on the Seargent Committee's report the Central Government have formulated a scheme reference to which was made by the Hon'ble Member for Education.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is not exactly the Central Government. It is the Central Board of Education that has submitted its proposals to the Central Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are our Government, Sir, considering to react to the scheme of the Seargent Committee report ?

Mr. President: Order, order. I think the Hon'ble Member is rather trying to achieve the impossible. Until this Government are in possession of the scheme to which he is referring, Government cannot possibly be expected to apply their minds to it.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXTENSION OF THE SITTING OF THE COUNCIL

Mr. Pesident: I have to announce that His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to extend the sitting of this Council to Monday, the 14th of February in order to consider the following motion of which short notice has been given by the Hon'ble Minister.—"This House do hereby record its confidence in the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Mr. T. K. Nayar".

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—NON-OFFICIAL BILLS

The Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill. No statement from me is necessary at this stage. That has been the precedent and the convention of this House.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Sir, I beg leave of the House to introduce the Cochin Prevention of Food Adulteration Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. A. T. Kunhipalu *(Kattur):* I second it.

Moton put and carried

The Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I beg to move for leave of this House to introduce the Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* I second it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* I oppose it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, now that against the convention of this house for 19 years the Bill is opposed by a veteran, I have to explain. The Cochin Verumpattamdars Act became the law of the State only on the 19th of Kumbham 1118. That is considered by the masses in Cochin as a boon from the late lamented Highness. It is a boon, sir, in the sense that the Verumpattam tenants who used to be oppressed by arbitrary eviction and rackrenting have been saved by the Act which gave those tenants fixity of tenure and the existing rent, whether it be advantageous to the tenant or to the landlord, being made the rent

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